

Today's Topics:

Mac vs IBM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Morse code, obscenity, and packet retransmission.

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> > or in the "home" market, Amiga lets you use
> >the mouse for just about everything, or stick with the keyboard and
> >various c- or k-shell like interfaces.
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> And, if I recall correctly,
> KA9Q has already been ported to it.

Yes, KA9Q has been ported. I just ordered the disk from some place I found in 73. (I was a bit concerned giving my VISA # to an answering machine but the disks came and I havn't been overcharged.) I haven't tried it out yet so I can't say if the port is any good.

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> Does anyone make a UN*X for Amiga? That would complete the picture.

I just got e-mail from a guy at CBM several days ago. I had sent a request about AMIX on a 1000. The answer I got was that AMIX will require a 2500 when released. My guess is that it will be released with Kickstart 1.4 and require the CBM hard disk controller. (Be reasonable; how many hard disk drivers can you come out with when the package is brand new?)

In the meantime there are a lot of pieces of software which can make an Amiga look extremmely like a UN*X box. After taxes this year I plan to finally get a hard disk for my 1000 and start loading it to look like our favorite OS. If I can, I'll try to get news running (HA HA they all laughed.)

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Gorbachev is certainly not a Stalinist, but he is also just as certainly NOT a Jeffersonian democrat. We should examine his motives just as coldly as he is examining ours. --- Richard Nixon, Time, December 18, 1989.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR de KA3LKQ.

Thought the net might enjoy this.

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Subject: Morse code, obscenity, and packet retransmission.
Message-ID: <979@rsiatl.UUCP>

In article <7114@unix.SRI.COM> henry@ginger.sri.com (Henry Pasternack) writes:

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> A New Jersey ham politely but firmly asked me to watch my language
>because a group he is associated with retransmits this bulletin board
>via packet radio. In my reply to him, I expressed surprise that
>retransmissions occur automatically without the immediate supervision
>of a control operator. This strikes me as somewhat illegal, since there
>is no means of controlling the transmission content.
>

Are you serious? Have you been on the packet networks in the last, oh,
say, 4 years or so? Unattended operation is explicitly permitted.
I view network interconnecting as just another form of permitted
third party traffic on VHF nets. True, I'm responsible for the contents
but I am for ANYTHING that goes through my station. Apparently BBS
sysop'ing is not for the weak of heart or the Grubs of the world.

Since I'm in the final stages of putting such a gateway on here in
Atlanta, I've given this a bit of thought. I am of the "the glass is
half full" mentality. In other words, if it is not CLEARLY prohibited
and is not in poor taste, then I'll do it and NEVER be so stupid as to
ask the FCC for permission. I'll probably filter the feed through
a "7 dirty words" filter ONLY for the consideration of others on
the ham net and NOT out of fear of the FCC. I'll bet a pink slip
that the FCC would not touch the 7-dirty-words issue for fear of a 1st
amendment challenge to the arbitrary rule against "profanity". (I echew
profanity on ham radio AND this network for the same reason I dislike
discussions about hemorrhoid surgery or "Too many SWRs" or the weather -
it makes the speaker sound really stupid and uneducated.)

> In any event, I admit it is in bad taste to publically propagate
>obscenity. But the computer net is not amateur radio. I wonder if
>some people forget that fact when they feed USENET directly into their
>packet systems.

Not really. Perhaps we have an idealistic hope that hams are above

the norms of today and will observe proper decorum in this group.
By and large, that hope proves to be true. As in any endeavor, there
is a give-and-take. I have to weigh the benefits I provide to hams
who read this group on the packet nets against the very remote
possibility of getting my wrist slapped for transmitting a selection
from the SDW list. Framed in that light, the choice is obvious.

Oh, before I forget. Regarding CW, and in full regard for those who
repost, "Fornicate the Code!".

John

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